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THE TULAROSA VALLEY.

A Big Scheme on Foot to Irrigate the New Arid Area.

The Citizen yesterday in a brief personal paragraph mentioned the return of Judge B. S. Baker to the city, after a trip to the Tularosa valley where he is interested in an irrigation scheme. This morning, the judge submitted to the following interview:

"I have just returned from an inspection of the proposed site for the White Mountain Land Irrigation company's reservoir," said Judge Baker, "in company with Major W. H. H. Llewellyn of Las Cruces; J. E. Smith of Beatrice, Neb., and G. D. Hengen of New York. This site has been a pet scheme of Major Llewellyn for many years. I was taken in on the enterprise a few months ago with the major and Judge Parker. I enlisted Messrs. Smith and Hengen in the project. Mr. Hengen, although from the east, is a western man, born in Omaha. He is possessed of all the push and energy of the western man as well as the shrewd, careful calculation of a successful financier. In short, he is a financier of responsibility, push and courage. We are in great luck to have interested these gentlemen in this enterprise. The gentlemen are of the opinion that New Mexico is a good field for investments. Mr. Hengen already owns a large ranch in Roosevelt county.

"If a few details can be satisfactorily arranged, and I think they can, the work of construction of the reservoir for irrigation purposes will soon commenced. The incorporators and owners will be Major Llewellyn, Judge F. W. Parker, J. E. Smith, J. B. Hengen and myself. The plant will cost some \$200,000 and will reclaim about 15,000 acres of fine land lying along the El Paso & Northeastern track.

"The enterprise will reflect credit on the promoters, and be of much value to the territory. I feel proud of landing this territory and enlisting such valuable outside men in our midst."

The plan now under consideration for turning the now arid valley of Tularosa into one of the most fertile valleys in New Mexico is to construct an immense dam in the Rinconada canyon, north and east of Tularosa. The length of the dam on top will be about 500 feet, with an average length of 150 feet, and a height of 100 feet. This dam will receive its supply of water from a watershed having an area of 500 square miles. The watershed is washed by mountain snows and seasonable rains and there will be no sediment to amount to anything carried down into the reservoir. When this immense natural basin is filled with water it will contain enough to irrigate 15,000 acres of the valley. The valley which has been selected for irrigation lies along the El Paso & Northeastern railroad, extending many miles on either side of the line. The valley to be irrigated is very rich and is especially adapted to raising small grain, alfalfa, corn and fruits.—Albuquerque Citizen.

Swarts Siftings.

Mrs. A. A. Perrault is spending a few weeks with her mother who is sick, Mr. Perrault and the children who went with her returned home after a few days visit at Hillboro.

Edward Perrault and Henry Acklin attended the show here Tuesday evening.

J. E. Swarts went to Silver City Saturday called by the sickness of his daughter who lives there.

Frank Spades was a visitor in this burg a few days last week.

A very pleasant dance was given by the young men of Cooks last Saturday, there were about 100 people present and all declared it a grand success.

This place is beginning to put on city airs now, we had a Negro Minstrel show Tuesday evening.

The river is filled with a good volume of water every few days now and the farmers are happy.

Mrs. Iva Sherman, who has been quite sick, has gone to the hot springs for a few days, she was accompanied by Miss S. Clift of Teel.

Wanted Justice.

Judge Jones, the ex-confederate United States judge who has been trying the southern planters indicted for peonage, is a credit to himself and the south. Recently one of the juries in the peonage cases in Alabama showed signs of flinching when it came to convicting wealthy planters for enslaving negroes. Judge Jones who has done more than all others to force the prosecution, told the jurymen that while he had no power to put them in jail for contempt of court, if they did not bring in a verdict of guilty they would dishonor themselves in the sight of man and would be perjurers in the sight of God. When the substantial men of the south take hold of the situation in this manner it is reasonable to suppose that this practice will be speedily broken up.

K. of P. Banquet.

Grand Chancellor, B. F. Adams, made a fraternal visit to the Deming Lodge No. 20, K. of P., last Thursday, and a special meeting was held that evening at which he delivered a fine address to the members of the local lodge on the principles and workings of the order. At the close of the meeting the members went to French Louies Restaurant, where a banquet had been arranged in honor of the distinguished guest, and very pleasant hour was spent. In the absence of District Chancellor Petty, the banquet was ably presided over by Master of Finance, Otto Smith, while Dr. S. D. Swope, as toast master, did his full share toward making the evening one to be remembered.

Mr. Adams expressed himself as well pleased with the condition of the lodge at this place and went on his way to Silver City Friday morning rejoicing at the progress the good work is making in this part of the territory.

Prizes for New Mexico.

Early in March the Colonization Agency, Southwestern Lines, advertised in the newspapers of the southwest for brief letters giving the experience of residents of that territory since moving there and for the best of these letters offered a list of prizes. This contest closed on June 30th, and the following is a list of awards made for NEW MEXICO.

- 1st Prize—Francis E. Lester, Mesilla Park, N. M.
- 2nd Prize—O. G. Sneed, Hagerman, N. M.
- 3rd Prize—J. O. Miller, Mesilla Park, N. M.
- 4th Prize—Ella Granberry McClure, Aztec, San Juan Co., N. M.
- 5th Prize—Mrs. Sara O'Donnell, 627 5th St. La Salle Ill.
- 6th Prize—E. A. Chaffee, Las Cruces Dona Ana county, N. M.
- 7th Prize—Sneed Brothers, Dexter, N. M.

Power From the Pecos.

Wednesday afternoon in Santa Fe, a large number of the business men of that city met Joseph C. Bonner, a capitalist of Toledo, O., and talked over the project of carrying power from the Pecos to the cities of Santa Fe and Las Vegas. The scheme is a good one, and will undoubtedly give the stockholders a good return on their money. It is probable that the project will be put on its feet at once.

New Mexico Crops.

The crop bulletin issued by the weather bureau for New Mexico says that the light and scattered showers of the past week have not been sufficient for the needs of vegetation and growing crops. Grass is drying up badly on the stock ranges and good rains are badly needed to make fall and winter grazing.

In some localities the stock water is about gone and unless rain comes soon there will be much suffering. Stock in general is still in excellent condition.

As a rule there is still a fair supply of irrigation water in the streams owing to the showers in the mountains but in some localities the stream are falling and even the wells and springs are drying up.

The wheat harvest is about finished in northern sections; the crop is irregular but generally fair.

In the San Juan valley a green bug has greatly damaged the total crop.

Second alfalfa has generally been secured in good condition and the yield is about average.

Irrigated crops continue a very good growth, but unirrigated fields, especially corn, look very badly.

Grasshoppers are doing considerable damage in the northern Rio Grande valley.

Early peaches and apples, plums and pears are very irregular in yield, but the quality of the fruit is very good.

Our Forest Wealth.

The national bureau of forestry, under Gifford Pinchot's brilliant direction is doing work for America whose benefit, if not thoroughly appreciated by this generation, is certain to be by future ones, says the Home-Maker. It would have been well to have inaugurated a rational forestry system many years ago; if Mr. Pinchot's present plans had been in operation when the lumbermen began to invade the great forests of the middle northwest, there would now be a second forest area to cut over, aggregating millions of acres, which today, owing to the destructive methods of lumbering employed, is practically as waste and worthless as any section of the Colorado desert.

Not only does an intelligent forestry administration on wooded or lumber areas mean a continual forest crop, as against one destructive cutting—killing the goose that lays the golden egg—but it means all the world to our water resources, the fountainheads of our streams and rivers in every state and territory. In the east the preservation of the streams flow is a matter of overshadowing importance to towns and cities and manufacturing industries; in the west, where water is needed in addition for irrigation, it means the actual life of the land. More strength to the arm of American forestry.

Santa Rita Notes.

W. H. Ernest & Co. who are leasing on the Romero and Aztec claims, are employing eighteen men, and are shipping 95 tons of ore a month averaging 28 per cent copper.

McGregor and company, who are leasing on the Old Romero mine are employing about twenty men and are shipping about 120 tons of ore a month.

Herbert Dawson who has a large lease on the Chino claim, is employing 15 men, and is shipping two cars of ore a month.

Skinner and Barrios, who are leasing on the Chino claim, still keep their regular shipments of ore up.

The properties of Messrs Bartlett and Cole, are still producing a large tonnage of high grade ore.

Vezette and company have got a very good showing of ore on the Azurite Lease.

Heavy rains through this section during the week, but no flood through the camp yet.

The Santa Fe Mining company's Concentrating Mill has been enlarged and reconstructed, and the addition of four Wilfley patent slime tables added to the Mill, makes the Concentrator one of the best equipped plants of the southwest. The Mill has a capacity of 180 tons in twentyfour hours, after the ore passes over the Wilfley Concentrating tables, then the slime pass over the Wilfley Slime tables, which guards against any loss whatever. The Improvements in the Mill are about completed, and everything will be in readiness to resume operations in a few days.

Supt. Riney entertained a few of his friends on Thursday evening, Dr. Selbeck rendered some vocal music during the evening, Miss Mary Riney who is a very accomplished pianist accompanied by Mr. DeLashmutt, on the Zither rendered a few selections, which was very much enjoyed by those present, Mr. Riney with the assistance of his two charming daughters, Miss Mary Riney and Miss Nellie Riney, makes a splendid host.

Silver City Locals.

Miss Alice Green, who has been completing her musical education in Los Angeles, returned home Sunday.

John A. Lucas and family left Saturday evening for the City of Mexico where they may decide to make their home.

A game of base ball played at Central Wednesday between the Fort Bayard and Central teams resulted in a victory of the former by a score of 14 to 6.

County School Superintendent White has completed his annual report; it shows the public schools of Grant county to be in excellent condition.

Miss Ruth Hinman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hinman, will leave for Chicago shortly to complete her musical education.

County Commissioner W. D. Murray and brother, James Murray, left last week on a business trip to San Francisco.

Range conditions have been greatly improved in Grant County during the past week, as a result of the heavy rains which have fallen.

The Jury commission consisting J. A. Leahy of Lordsburg, John C. Cureton and W. M. Porterfield, was in session Saturday and compiled the list of jurors for the coming term of court.

Last week's floods have resulted in a number of temporary breakwaters being erected in the business portion of Silver City. Most of them will be removed when the rainy season is over.

C. Silaby died at his home in this city last week from Bright's disease, aged 58 years. Deceased came to Silver City last July. The remains were taken to Houston Texas, for interment.

Grand Chancellor B. F. Adams, of Albuquerque, paid an official visit to Silver City Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, Friday evening. An enjoyable social session followed the business meeting.

Mrs. Joseph Boone, for several years a resident of Deming, but who has more recently made her home at Fierro left last week for Avlin Texas, where she expects to spend her remaining days.

The encampment of the New Mexico National Guard which was to have been held at Las Vegas has been indefinitely postponed, and the boys of Company D. of this City have laid aside their anticipations of an enjoyable outing until next year.

District Attorney R. M. Turner, of this city, is not an applicant for appointment as associate justice, as is being erroneously reported. It is understood, however, that Mr. Turner would not be adverse to accepting an appointment in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilson, of Fierro this county, had a narrow escape from being killed by lightning Thursday afternoon. They were driving to Silver City and when a short distance this side of Central, a bolt descended, killing one of the horses stunning the other and tearing away a part of the buggy top. Strange as it may seem, neither of the occupants were in the least injured.

William E. Dodge.

As the business enterprises which the late William E. Dodge was identified with, have been of such interest to the people of the south west and particularly to the mining districts of this region we print the following sketch of his life taken from the Outlook of New York:

William E. Dodge who died suddenly at Bar Harbor on Monday of this week was of the third generation of a family of New York merchants whom the possession of great wealth neither inveterate in business energy, narrowed in public spirit, nor hardened in spiritual life. He was born in 1833, and since 1864 had been a member of the Phelps, Dodge & Co. His philanthropic and religious activities have been along many lines and never ceasing. He succeeded his father as President of the Evangelical Alliance and of the National Temperance Society; he had since his young manhood been one of the foremost

supporter of the Young Men Christian Association; he had been the Vice-President of the American Sunday School Union and Chairman of the National Arbitration Committee, and besides had been an active officer in a large number of societies for the promotion of art and the natural sciences. His son Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge and his daughter Miss Grace Dodge have inherited in full measure the moral spirit of the family, and promise to carry forward with undiminished vigor the work of their father. When it is so widely believed on this side of the Atlantic as well as the other that American commercial life is hopelessly sordid and materializing, a career like that of Mr. Dodge maintains the honor of his nation as well as of his family.

Silver City Flood.

DESCRIBED BY AN EYE WITNESS.

Silver City has had a rather strenuous time with floods during the past week. There have been several severe storms accompanied by heavy downpours of rain and much electricity. The floods which did the damage occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. On both occasions large volumes of water swept through the town from the Chloride water shed. The actual loss, however is comparatively small and the exaggerated reports sent out by sensational newspaper correspondents are almost wholly without foundation. The occupants of the Broadway block were the heaviest losers. Tuesday's rush of waters took away the breakwater back of the property, causing a part of the current to go through the store of the Silver City Mercantile company, and resulting in a loss of approximately \$1,000 to stock. Other stores in the block had water in them but not enough to do serious injury. The damage was greater to this property due to it being without breakwater protection and allowing the flood free egress. On Wednesday, the store of the Silver City Mercantile company was again flooded but the loss was slight on account of the stock having been removed from the floods. The furnishings in the office of Dr. O. J. Westlake were ruined and the Broadway restaurant was temporarily put out of business by having most of its furniture carried away. The Club House saloon also received its full share, the principal loss of Golding & Whitehill, however, resulting from the flood carrying away the contents of the warehouse in the back portion amounting to several hundred dollars. Samuel Lindauer's store had several inches of water in it, but the employes succeeded in getting the stock out of each. Back water got into several of the business houses on Bullard street, but the losses in each instance were light. Some damage was done to residence property. The home of Miss Daugherty on Yankee street was flooded both days and she lost considerable as a result. The pretty yard of Mrs. Susie Uhli was also badly torn up. The big item of loss occurred Tuesday when the flood undermined a section of the new \$15,000 dam in Main street, taking it out and ruining the use of the structure for this year at least. It will require about \$2,500 to repair it. The streets have been filled with a mass of dirt and debris and is causing a considerable bill of expense to the taxpayers to put them into shape again. The force of the water was terrific, and it was most fortunate that no loss of life occurred. A horse owned by Robert Black, the contractor, and which was standing at the corner of Bullard and Yankee streets, was swept of its feet and drowned. Another horse of unknown ownership also went down. A Mexican named Julian Marquez was caught while crossing Broadway and barely escaped death. A Chinese laundryman had a similar experience. The storm of Saturday night caused a cave-in of the banks along the Main street ditch in the vicinity of the Elephant Corral and took two small buildings with it. The people of the town are not in the least discouraged as a result of the disaster, if such it can be called, and are hard at work getting things into their normal condition.